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SUBJ: IRANIAN DELEGATION MEETS WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

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1. REFTEL (NOTAL) NOTED THAT IRANIAN DELEGATION COMPOSED OF TWO LAWYERS AND TWO JOURNALISTS HAD GONE TO THE HAGUE FOR FEBRUARY 18 AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI) MEETING.

2. EMBASSY SOURCES HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT FARHAD NIKUKHAH, PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS, WAS GOI OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR TRIP BY UNOFFICIAL IRANIAN OBSERVERS. THE DELEGATION MET WITH AI REPRESENTATIVES AND ALLEGEDLY SUGGESTED THAT AI SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO IRAN TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. THE IRANIAN DELEGATION REPORTEDLY PROPOSED THAT THE GOI WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THOROUGHLY ANY OBSERVATIONS AI MIGHT WISH TO MAKE AFTER SUCH A VISIT. WE ARE INFORMED THAT IN RETURN THE IRANIANS ASKED THAT "UNFOUNDED" AI CRITICISM OF IAN, AND AI SUPPORT TO DISSIDENT IRANIANS ABROAD, BE HALTED. AI ALLEGEDLY REJECTED THESE PROPOSALS.

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